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**CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I**

(Column 1)			(Column 2)		SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE				RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.18(a))							OR		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.18(c))	24 minus 20 =		X \$				OR	X \$	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.18(b))	17 minus 3 =		X \$				OR	X \$	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.18(d))			X \$				OR	X \$	
* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2			TOTAL				OR	TOTAL	

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II**

5.26.06 (Column 1)						(Column 2)		(Column 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY		
AMENDMENT A		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE			RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE				
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	26	Minus	24	2	X \$ 25	50 <sup>00</sup>			X \$					
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	19	Minus	17	2	X \$ 100	200 <sup>00</sup>			X \$					
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					X \$				X \$					
TOTAL ADD'L FEE						250 <sup>00</sup>		Pd.		TOTAL ADD'L FEE			TOTAL ADD'L FEE		

  

(Column 1)						(Column 2)		(Column 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY		
AMENDMENT B		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE			RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE				
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))		Minus			X \$				X \$					
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))		Minus			X \$				X \$					
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					X \$				X \$					
TOTAL ADD'L FEE										TOTAL ADD'L FEE			TOTAL ADD'L FEE		

  

(Column 1)						(Column 2)		(Column 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY		
AMENDMENT C		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE			RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE				
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))		Minus			X \$				X \$					
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))		Minus			X \$				X \$					
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					X \$				X \$					
TOTAL ADD'L FEE										TOTAL ADD'L FEE			TOTAL ADD'L FEE		

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: M. Scott Jones )

Docket No. 120462 )

Serial No.: 10/824,801 )

Filed: April 15, 2004 )

Examiner: Kimberly R. Lockett )

Art Unit: 2837 )

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the Sound Quality in a Unison Stringed Instrument****RESPONSE**Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith a Response to the Non-Final Office Action dated February  
28, 2006, in regard to the above-identified patent application:*[remainder of page intentionally left blank]*

resolved by a telephone conference or a personal interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
**for FY 2004**

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 1005.00**Complete if Known**

Application Number	
Filing Date	April 15, 2004
First Named Inventor	M. Scott Jones
Examiner Name	
Art Unit	
Attorney Docket No.	120462

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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	385.00
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>					<b>(\$) 385.00</b>

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
22	-20** = 2	x 9	= 18
Independent Claims	17	-3** = 14	x 43 = 602
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

**SUBTOTAL (2)** (\$) 620.00

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

**SUBTOTAL (3)** (\$)**SUBMITTED BY**

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